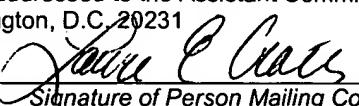


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In re Application of: Dandrea				
Serial No. 09/940,728	Filing Date 8/28/01	Examiner not assigned	Group Art Unit 2185	
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STRIPING DATA ONTO A PLURALITY OF DISK DRIVES				
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